

What's Happening Wednesday

Kansas Immunization Program



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VFC Consultant On-Call

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Chief Chat– All adults should get recommended vaccines to protect their health. Even healthy adults can become ill and pass diseases on to others. Everyone should have their vaccination needs assessed by a health care professional. Certain vaccines are recommended based on a person's age, occupation or health conditions (such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes or heart disease).



Please see an article in this issue of *What's Happening Wednesday* for more important information, specific to providers, about adult vaccinations.

Remember that even if you are seeing a child in your practice, you may have an opportunity to discuss the importance of adult vaccinations with parents and grandparents considering the important role they play in protecting the child you are caring for.

As flu season once again looms in our near future, it is now time to begin planning for vaccinations. We will be distributing influenza vaccine as we have in recent years. We will start filling the pre-booked vaccine orders proportionately as it arrives in our warehouse. We received the first of our allocation this week and expect it to continue arriving weekly. The amount we received this week is too small to begin filling orders as the proportion size will not allow for shipment in package sizes of ten. All providers should expect to begin receiving influenza vaccine for public stock the second week of September depending on the presentation you pre-booked. For those who ordered larger amounts, Brad Carpenter (Vaccine Coordinator) will be reaching out to discuss how much capacity you have in your storage units prior to shipping larger volumes of vaccine.



Mike Sims (WebIZ Trainer) will be leaving Kansas Department of Health and Environment this week. We wish him well in his future career. Effective next week, we will be suspending routinely scheduled WebIZ training sessions. If you have staff with a specific or general WebIZ training need, please contact the WebIZ help desk (kdhe.immunizationregistry@ks.gov) and a time will be scheduled to assist with your training need. We will be restructuring the technical assistance and training functions within the help desk in the coming weeks to more specifically address your immediate needs and offer more on demand recorded assistance in addition to both telephone and in person training assistance. Please continue to watch the weekly *What's Happening Wednesday* for updates.

The funding for Immunize Win A Prize has been exhausted so this program has been closed. We appreciate all the partnerships over the years to make this an effective program. This program was originally funded through Tobacco Settlement funds, so we knew the funds would eventually run out and we have not found another source to continue to the program.

Have a great week and thank you for all you do to immunize Kansans.

Phil Griffin, Deputy Director, Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention

Injection of Education-

We all know that change happens. What happens if a Vaccines for Children (VFC) primary or back up contact is no longer available to serve in the respective VFC role due to a change in staffing position, prolonged absence due to illness or pregnancy leave, or employment change? A clinic staff change request should be completed in KSWebIZ. To begin the change, select the Clinic Tools/Clinic Information/Staff Tab found on the left-hand menu in KSWebIZ. Type the new contact's information over the existing contact's information and do not change the contact type drop down option. Specific instructions for completing this request can be found in the *VFC Change of Information Instructions* document. This document can be found on the left-hand menu under the Reports/Documents/VFC Change of Information Instructions Tab in KSWebIZ.

The new contact will need to complete the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2018 *You Call the Shots Storage and Handling and Vaccines for Children* courses. A link to these courses can also be found in the *VFC Change of Information Instructions* document. Once each course is completed, a test will need to be taken. When both tests are successfully passed, be sure to print the completion certificates and keep them with your VFC documents. The completion certificates will need to be faxed or emailed to the KSWebIZ staff at kdhe.immunizationregistry@ks.gov or faxed to 785-559-4227.

Whenever staffing changes occur, including a change in the primary or backup VFC contact or a change in medical director, you should always contact your Regional Consultant. Once a primary or backup VFC contact is no longer available, a clinic staff change request should be completed as soon as possible to prevent delays in vaccine shipments due to non-compliance with program requirements.

If you need additional assistance, you can always contact your Regional Immunization Consultant, the Consultant On-Call, or the KSWebIZ Helpdesk at 877-296-0464.

Check out our Facebook Page-



Thanks to all of you who LIKE our page, we are almost up to 600 "Likes." We appreciate all of your support and hard work vaccinating Kansans from vaccine preventable diseases! We can be found by clicking on the Facebook logo or link below. Please make sure and share our posts and like our page while you are there. <https://www.facebook.com/ImmunizeKS/>

National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAW). We encourage you to visit the [National Public Health Information Coalition \(NPHIC\) NIAW website](#) to find toolkits for communications ready to use for weekly theme. These kits contain samples of key messages, news releases, Facebook posts, tweets and a variety of other resources. The remaining weekly themes are:



August 19-25	Preteens & Teens: Ensure a healthy future with vaccines.
August 26-31	Adults: Vaccines are not just for kids.

Vax Facts

- ♦ The CDC has reported a 99% reduction in the incidence of bacterial meningitis caused by *Haemophilus influenzae* since the introduction of the vaccination against the disease in 1988.
- ♦ A microbiologist named Maurice Hilleman developed eight of the fourteen vaccines that are now routinely administered. He is credited with saving more lives than any other scientist of the 20th century.

Your Vaccine Recommendation Is a Critical Factor in Protecting Patient Health

Patients trust you to give them the best counsel on how to protect their health. You know that immunization is an important preventive measure—but it's unlikely that getting vaccinated is on the radar for your adult patients. Your strong recommendation is critical in ensuring that they get the vaccines they need to help them stay healthy.

Adults are not getting the vaccines they need. The latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows vaccination rates for adults are low (*National Health Interview Survey, 2015*). For example, only 20 percent of adults have received a Tdap vaccine. Even high-risk groups are not getting the vaccines they need—only 20 percent of adults 64 years or younger who are at increased risk for complications from pneumococcal disease are vaccinated. Every year, thousands of adults in the U.S. become needlessly ill from infectious diseases. Many adults are hospitalized and some even die from diseases that could be prevented by vaccines.

Your patients are likely to get the vaccines you recommend to them. Clinicians are a valued and trusted source of health information for adults. Your patients rely on you to let them know which vaccines are necessary and right for them.

Since many adults are not up to date on their vaccines, *all* health care professionals should use *every* patient encounter as an opportunity to assess whether any vaccines are needed.

If the patient is due for a vaccine, make a strong recommendation that you advise getting the vaccine because it can help protect them against a disease that could be serious. For some patients, this may be sufficient information to accept the vaccine. Others may want to learn more about the vaccine and why it is right for them. For these patients, *sharing* the following can help them make an informed decision.

- Share the tailored reasons why the recommended vaccine is right for the patient, given his or her age, health status, lifestyle, job or other risk factors.

- Highlight positive experiences with vaccines (personal or in your practice) to reinforce the benefits and strengthen confidence in vaccination.

- Address patient questions and any concerns about the vaccine, including side effects safety and vaccine effectiveness in plain and understandable language.

- Remind patients vaccines protect them and their loved ones from many common and serious diseases.

- Explain the potential costs of getting vaccine-preventable diseases, including serious health effects, time lost (missing work or family obligations) and financial costs.

Some patients may need additional time to consider information about vaccines or want more details than can be provided during a single office visit. You can take several different actions to help patients receive recommended vaccinations:

- Provide educational materials or trusted websites for them to review.

- Send reminders about needed vaccines.

- Document the conversation and continue the discussion at the next visit.

To download free patient education materials or find resources on addressing patient questions and concerns about adult vaccines, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/adults.

Anthrax	3/10/10	MMR	2/12/18
Chickenpox	2/12/18	Tdap	2/24/15
DTaP/DT/DTP	5/17/07	MMRV	2/12/18
Hepatitis A	7/20/16	Multi-vaccine	11/05/15
Hepatitis B	7/20/16	PCV 13	11/05/15
Hib	4/2/15	PPSV	4/24/15
HPV9	12/2/16	Polio	7/20/16
HPV4 (Gardasil)	5/17/13	Rabies	10/6/09
HPV2 (Cervarix)	5/03/11	Rotavirus	2/23/18
Influenza (LAIV4)	8/07/15	Shingles	2/12/18
Influenza (IIV3 or IIV4)	8/07/15	Smallpox	10/01/09
Japan. enceph.	1/24/14	Td	4/11/17
MCV4/MPSV4	3/31/16	Typhoid	5/29/12
MenB	8/09/16	Yellow fever	3/30/11

Vaccine Redistribution

Please email any additions or changes to be made on the Vaccine Redistribution lists with subject matter "Redistribution" to kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov or call toll free at 1-877-296-0464 [Vaccine Redistribution information and lists](#).

REMINDERS: Providers may place the excess doses on the KIP Redistribution list if:

- 1) The vaccine has a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine's expiration date.
 - 2) The ordering provider is responsible for any doses which expire on the redistribution list that have not been accepted for transfer to another VFC provider.
 - 3) Providers accepting vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for using the doses once they are transferred. KIP encourages providers to accept only doses they can administer before the expiration date.
 - 4) The transferring and receiving provider will document these doses on their monthly reconciliation reports as transferred vaccines.
 - 5) Once vaccine is transferred please contact KIP to let us know so we can adjust the redistribution list by either deleting the line or by reducing the amount of doses.
 - 6) All vaccines must be in full boxes.
 - 7) The KIP Regional Immunization Consultant who is on call must be contacted prior to transferring vaccine.
 - 8) Providers are responsible for keeping KIP notified if there is a change in amount of doses available for redistribution.
 - 9) When placing an order, you may be contacted if the vaccine you are trying to order is on the redistribution list.
 - 10) Varicella and Proquad will not be posted on the VFC or Private Vaccine Redistribution List. Frozen Varivax vaccines are very intolerant to out of range temperatures. To prevent potential vaccine waste the KIP requests that Varivax containing vaccines not be transferred to other providers.
- For questions regarding transporting vaccine call 877-296-0464 to request assistance.